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To: [Tompkins, Casey](#); [Seppi, Pat](#)
Cc: [Levinson, Matthew](#); [Garbarini, Doug](#)
Subject: RE: Ringwood Mines/Landfill Superfund Site <External Sender>
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 10:10:00 AM

There are no issues with accessing the site through the gate at the north end of Peters Mine Road. The O'Connor Disposal Area is the fenced area located between your access route and the Peters Mine Road. As long as your crew does not enter any other fenced area other than the gate at the north end of Peters Mine Road, there should be no work restrictions.

Joe

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Thanks, Joe. I did not get that email just yet. We do travel through a joint gate at the north end of Peters Mine Road, but it sounds to me that you are speaking of an additional fenced in area east of our planned access route.

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Mr. Tompkins - As noted in my 11/5 voicemail message to you, your proposed access route is immediately east of a waste disposal area which we call the O'Connor Disposal Area. This waste disposal area is currently fenced in to restrict access to fill material which contains lead-based paint sludge. I do not see the need for work restrictions as long as your access route remains outside of the fenced O'Connor Disposal Area. Please feel free to contact me if you have additional questions.

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Good Morning, Pat – Thanks again for getting back to us on this project. We appreciate knowing that we won't have any work restrictions, but wanted to confirm, that based upon the location and scope of work provided, you don't recommend any additional measures such as cleaning off equipment. Please confirm.

Thanks again, Pat.

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From: Seppi, Pat <Seppi.Pat@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 9, 2020 4:09 PM
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Hi Casey,

Per our earlier conversation – Thank you for reaching out to EPA to provide the information about the new transmission line poles you are planning to install in the right-of-way east of Peter's Mine Rd. EPA doesn't foresee any constraints to your work and we give our approval.

Thank you,

Pat Seppi
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Good Morning. I am just following up on the below email. Please advise at your earliest convenience.

Thanks,

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Good Afternoon – We are planning on replacing four (4) existing transmission line poles in our existing Line 89 & 982 right-of-way east of Peters Mine Road in Ringwood, New Jersey. During a recent site visit, I noticed that our access and pole replacement activities may traverse the above-mentioned superfund site, so I wanted to reach out to gather more information and learn as to whether we would have any constraints associated with our work.

Attached is a map detailing our proposed access routes, which may require some minor grading and vegetation removal, as well as the locations of the poles that need to be replaced. The poles are situated within a DEP-regulated wetland area, therefore extensive matting will be used. We imagine that a truck mounted auger will be used to drill a new hole for the new poles. The old poles would just be cut off at grade. We are currently authorized by the DEP to complete the work and are seeking additional approvals at this time.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I appreciate your time.

Thanks.

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